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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF TELECOM NORTH AMERICA INC. BY G3 TELECOM USA INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 16-1

Comments Due: January 22, 2016 Reply Comments Due: January 29, 2016

Telecom North America Inc. (Telna) and G3 Telecom USA Inc. (G3) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, seeking approval to transfer certain customer assets of Telna to G3.¹

Telna, a Nevada corporation, provides resold interexchange services throughout the U.S. It is the 100 percent owner of Telecom North America Mobile, Inc., a Nevada corporation that provides mobile services in the U.S. G3, a Delaware corporation, offers resold interstate telecommunications services throughout the U.S. and resold intrastate telecommunications services in California, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia. G3 is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telehop Communications Inc., which is a publicly-held Canadian corporation. Applicants state that the following individuals, both Canadian citizens, own at least 10 percent of the equity of Telehop: Rajan Arora (24.79 percent) and James Estill (17 percent). Applicants state that neither Telehop nor its subsidiaries provide telecommunications services in the U.S.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Telna will sell a subset of its U.S. long distance customer base in 23 states to G3, which will become the service provider for the telecommunications services that the customers currently receive from Telna. Applicants state that there will be no reduction, impairment, or discontinuance of service to any customer as a result of the proposed transaction. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under Section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²

¹ See 47 C.F.R § 63.03; 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Telecom North America Inc. by G3 Telecom USA Inc., WC Docket No. 16-1 (filed Jan. 4, 2016).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to Section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before January 29, 2016**. Pursuant to Section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

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For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at (202) 418-1506 or Jodie May at (202) 418-0913.

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